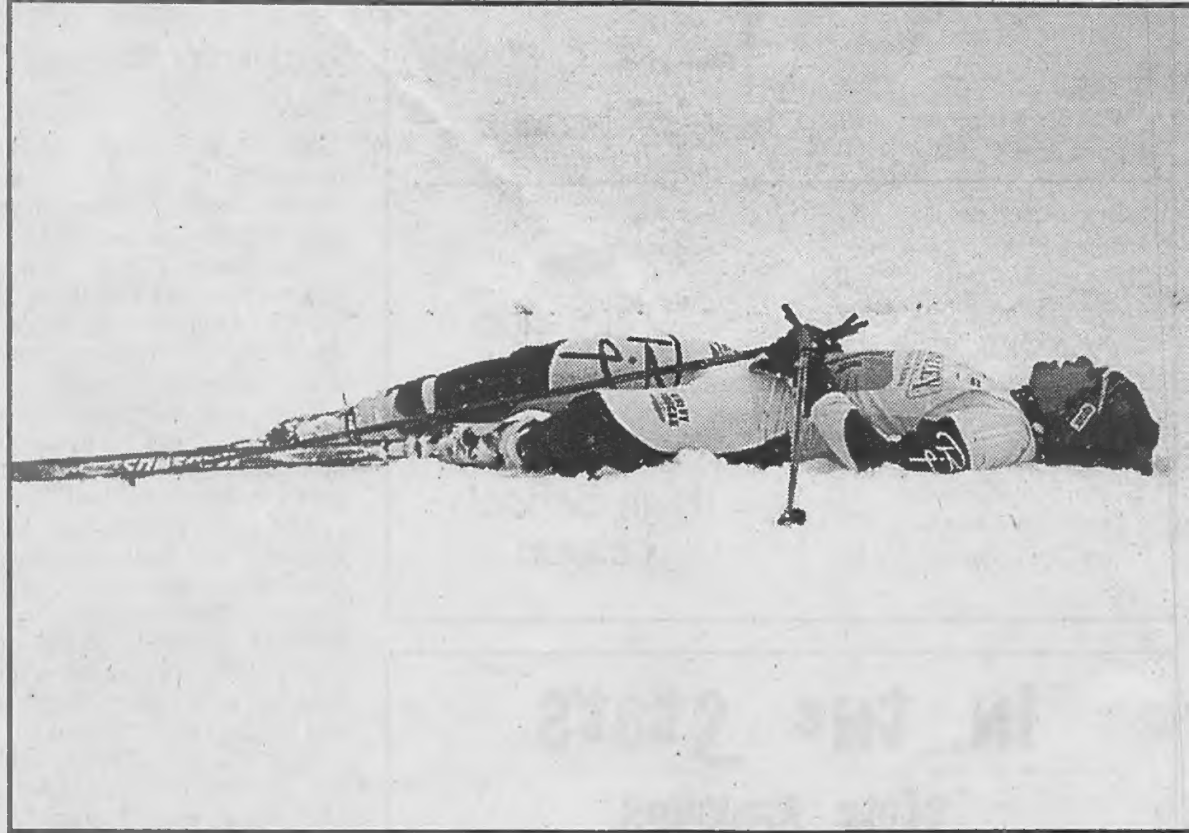


World Cup Skiing Invades Wasatch County

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Sarah Conrad of the U.S. women's cross country ski team collapses after finishing the anchor leg of the women's 4x5 km relay. Conrad's team finished sixth in the race.

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Carl Swenson, 31st, and Justin Freeman, 41th.

U.S. member Nina Kemmpel picked up her second straight career best World Cup finish placing 14th overall.

Katerina Neumannova of the Czech Republic won the women's race, while Gabriella Paruzzi of Italy was second, and teammate Stefania Belmondo was third. Park City's Wendy Wagner finished the race in 29:49.5, to put her in 41st, and Sarah Conrad was 37th.

On Saturday, the men's 15 km classical races were held, as well as the women's 4x5 km relays.

Muehlegg again picked up another first place finish in two days, finishing the race in 41:54.7.

Muehlegg used to ski for Germany, but 18 months ago he received his Spanish citizenship to be able to ski for Spain. Well the switch must have worked because his fast skis put him ahead of second place Mikhail Botvinov of Austria, by more than a minute. Fulvio Valbusa of Italy came in third. U.S. team member Kris Freeman, finished 29th, earning him his first world Cup points this year.

The women's 4x5 km relay races couldn't have ended any better than they did.

It was practically a cat fight through the first loop, as Norway, Canada, and Italy battled it out on the tough uphill and the fast downhill.

Jamie Fortier, who joined the

US/Canada combined team, won the first leg with a time of 16:13.3, she was closely followed by Italy's Sabina Valbusa.

France won the second leg, as Annick Pierrel finished the loop in a time of 15:36.7. But despite the great efforts by everyone in the second lap, the third leg put three teams in contention for first place.

Finland's Rikka Sirvioe pulled out in front early, but Scott managed to pass her on the first uphill. They were then side-by-side around the final turn, but Sirvioe managed to cross the line in a time of 14:18.8 and Scott in a time of 14:19.1.

With Finland in the lead, Italy's Belmondo, who will retire after next year's Olympics, started the race with Canada's Amanda Fortier. But she quickly pulled ahead and finished the race ahead of the competition. The 13:51.7 finish was the fastest of any race and it gave Italy first place and a trip to the podium. This was a great birthday present to Belmondo, who turned 32 on Saturday.

Sunday's races were just as exciting as Saturday's as they included the men's and women's sprint races.

These races start out with at least 50 competitors and then narrowed down in the quarter and semi final races.

The final races include a "B" final for 5th through 8th place and then an "A" final for 1st through 4th place.

There was a disqualification in the men's "A" final, as Norway's Jan Jacob Verdenius

took a wrong corner in the semi final race.

Christian Zorzi of Italy won the men's race, with a time of 3:02.7. Thoblas Fredriksson of Sweden was second, and Silvio Fauner of Italy finished third.

In the men's "B" final, Rene Sommerfelts of Germany won the race, followed by F. Valbusa, and Giorgio DiCentra.

For the women, Scott again worked her way through the first three rounds, to make her way into the "A" finals.

Scott placed third overall after dominating the course.

Bente Skari of Norway, won the women's race, earning her a trip to the podium. This also put her ahead in the World Cup Standings. Manuela Henkel of Germany came in second, and Kristina Smigun of Estonia was fourth.

"The races were good," Skari said. "I am satisfied overall and look forward to next year."

In the women's "B" final, S. Valbusa won the event, followed by Paruzzi, and Belmondo. The entire final included racers from Italy.

After the conclusion of the races, Scott finally earned an individual trip to the podium and couldn't have been any happier.

"This is so exciting," she said. "I am so happy about my finish."

When asked how she feels about the fans adopting her as one of their own, she could only smile.

"Hey, what can I say," she added.

Men's Basketball Standings

1. Century 21	3-0	6. Other End	1-1
2. One-Stop	2-1	7. Young Guns	0-2
3. Yodels	1-2		
4. Morrison Brothers	1-2		
5. Davis Bros. Const.	1-1		

"A" League

1. Chicks/Wright Ford	3-0	6. Oxbow Ranch	1-2
2. Bingelli Rock	2-1	7. Homestead	0-2
3. Ron Hansen Const.	1-1		
4. Albertson's	2-1		
5. Mt. Cabinetry	1-1		

"B" League

1. Team Chris Pyper	4-0	6. Team Travis Kinsey	0-4
2. Team Skylar Widdison	4-0		
3. Team Brandon Holmes	2-2		
4. Team Ryan Edwards	1-3		
5. Team Jon Carpenter	1-3		

High School League

IN the Stats

State RANKINGS Boys SWIMMING

1. Tooele
2. Park City
3. Cedar City
4. Canyon View
5. Wasatch

State RANKINGS GIRLS BASKETBALL

1. Hurricane
2. Judge
3. Wasatch
4. Dixie
5. Pine View

Region 10 GIRLS B-BALL

Team	Region	Overall
1. Judge	3-0	12-2
2. Wasatch	2-1	11-2
3. Union	2-1	7-6
4. Lehi	1-2	5-7
5. Uintah	0-2	4-9
6. Park City	0-2	4-8

* Wasatch's Shalee Fackrell has moved into second among 3A scoring leaders, averaging 17.2 points per game. The Lady Wasps are also ranked 16th overall in the state among 5A-1A schools.

State RANKINGS Boys BASKETBALL

1. Pine View

Lady Wasps

BY COURTNEY GRESSMEN
Wave Sports Editor

The Lady Wasp basketball moved back up into second region standings, after picking up easy region wins last week.

The Lady Wasps' first game was against the Lady Utes from Uintah School. After shutting down the second half, Wasatch came in with a 51-32 win over Uintah.

"We did really well," head coach Roger Pyper said. "We didn't play in the first half, but we came out and played in the second half."

The Lady Wasps were led by Shalee Fackrell, who had 18 points and 10 rebounds. She was followed by Turner with nine points and six rebounds. Brittany Peterson added eight points, Heidi Whimpey added six points, Whiting and Rachel Remund each had four points, and Chelsea Griffiths two.

Last Friday the Wasps hosted the City Miners. After four long quarters, the Lady Wasps came away with a 44-32 win over the Lady Miners.

Fackrell again led the way with 18 points, while Turner added 13 points. Whiting had 11, April Brown eight, Peterson seven, and Griffiths five.

The Wasps will host Union on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Then on Friday, Jan. 19, Uintah will travel to Wasatch for their last meeting this year.

Game times will be at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Wasatch Bo



Wasatch's Darin Restad (4) tripped and fouled by a Park City defender.

THE NEW

WILD WORLD CUP

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from 18 countries paraded with flags, dancers danced and a trick horse pranced onstage. Western, it was—but it wasn't provincial.

Justin Wadsworth, former Olympian and top U.S. finisher in the World Cup men's 30-kilometer race, said Soldier Hollow's ceremony was one of the best he's seen.

"It was really well done. Sometimes when people try to pull off the Western theme it comes across not so good. A lot of the time there are more speeches and this was more interesting and refreshing — much more of a show," said Wadsworth, who will return to central Oregon before departing for Finland for the World Championships.

"They had high quality performers and the Europeans really liked it—they're not used to guns whipped around. We don't have that much heritage here, but (the Western theme) is what we have."

Benny Martinez and his 24-year-old horse, Napoleon, surprised the gaped-mouthed audience members by nonchalantly walking on the stage adorned with a covered wagon, saddles and bales of hay. Martinez demonstrated rope skills, encircling Napoleon, and stood on his horse. Napoleon nary blinked an eye when instructed to lie down so Martinez could dismount.

Trick gun artist and Western histo-

rian Jim Dunham produced his pistols while introducing the audience to some of the West's most notorious outlaws. His jokes, including one suggesting shooting one's own toes off makes it easier to wear pointy cowboy boots, kept the crowd roaring.

His quick-fingers kept non-English-speaking guests entertained.

The cowboy poetry, a new favorite — even in coastal metropolitan cities



Ute Indians dance in the vendor tent.

— delighted the audience. However, confused looks and some guest comments made it clear that the fast-talking, slang-loaded poems left many European athletes baffled.

"The yodeler was fabulous, and my hat's off to those that put in the horse, but I'm not sure all the athletes understood the cowboy poetry accents and colloquialisms," said local Marilyn Larsen. "The Bar J's were my favorite; I've never heard them better—so warm and friendly. The stage was gorgeous. The Western theme is a wonderful art form we've discovered."

The Nordic festival is a test run for 2002, and venue co-chairs Tom and Linda Whitaker hope the Salt Lake

Organizing Committee (SLOC) recognizes the positive reaction the theme has received and continues the tradition in 2002.

Western-dressed entertainers gathered at the venue and will be on-site the duration of the festival. Television broadcasts are feeding live footage of mountain men, period-clothed pioneer families and Martinez and Napoleon to more than three million Europeans. Locals Bob Simonsen and Kay Probst, a rancher, gave what Tom Whitaker calls, "a good western howdy welcome with chaps, hats and spurs," to the race crowds. Whitaker said the inter-

SUNDANCE

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Tickets are \$8 for regular screenings in Park City; \$7 in other locations; \$10 for premieres at all locations; and \$15 for panel discussions.

For the few remaining tickets that might be available at this late date, ordering over the phone at 801-521-2525 could still be an option. Phone orders can be picked up at the Park City box office in Park City (900 S. Main) on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. After that, tickets must be picked up at the Will Call window at the theater where the film or panel discussion is scheduled. Ticket holders should arrive well before the show begins. Fifteen minutes before each screening, unclaimed seats are given to those on a waiting list.

For non-ticket holders the waiting list represents your best chance to get into a show. To get your name on a waiting list, it's best to arrive at the theater at least an hour ahead of time. Numbered wait list cards good for up to two tickets are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Wait cardhold-

ers are issued any available tickets 15 minutes before each screening according to their wait card number. Depending on the size of the venue anywhere from 20 to 70 people are usually admitted, so your chances are better than you might think.

Your odds of getting into a movie are probably slightly better at the Salt Lake theaters than in Park City. But then you will have a much better shot of seeing someone famous in Park City. As for parking in Park City, you can pretty much forget about it. Perhaps the best way to get through the chaos is by hopping one of the shuttle-buses run by either the festival or the city. Both systems are free and efficient. The festival's shuttle service hits all the venue sites and runs in 10-minute intervals from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. A second shuttle links Main Street with Prospector Square and the Eccles Theatre; a third shuttle runs back and forth from Eccles Theatre to the Radisson. Both run from 8 a.m. to midnight. Call 435-615-5350, for information on Park City's excellent transit system.

For more information on the festival, click on www.sundance.org.

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Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson, who served as the Director of the Utah Department of Health from 1961 to 1970, was asked by a legislator, "What is Public Health". His answer was "Public health is whatever the legislature wants it to be". His answer reflects the fact that it is the legislature that determines both the laws and the funding available to the State Health Department to carry out the state's public health responsibilities, thereby, defining what public health will be in Utah.

What is public health in Wasatch County? We would hope that public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, protecting the environment and promoting physical and mental health through an organized community effort. In reality it is the support of local elected officials and the Board of Health that drives public health. Funding is directly related to the importance that state and local elected officials feel towards public health issues.

Brigham Young, who may be considered the first political and religious leader in what is now Utah, realized the importance of sanitation as manifested by his arrangement of barns, stables, and privies in their relationship to the pioneer homes and water supplies. He taught that the people should "boil the water they drank" and that a balanced diet, the need for work, and proper sleep was important for good health. By 1889 the *Deseret News*, was advocating the need for the construction of a sewer for Salt Lake's Main Street and "dry earth system of defecation" for the rest of the city. By 1890, the deadly disease of cholera, typhoid and other diseases were known to be spread by water contaminated by sewage. The use of surface wells was discouraged and the use of "city water pipe lines" was encouraged.

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Registration is open until June 30, 2001. Register at the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, 475 N. Main, Heber City or the Midway City Office, 75 North 100 West.

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WORLD CUP WASATCH STYLE

Athletes and visitors applaud Heber Valley

KIRSTEN SHAW
COURIER STAFF

Japanese Nordic team staff member Esa Zetterman, a Finnish masseuse, has traveled extensively across the globe—from Steamboat, Colo. to Oslo, Norway—and he says Heber Valley has what it takes to be a world class destination venue.

"One thing I've noticed is Utah is wide open; the area is wide, the tracks are wide. It is very nice," said the statuesque Zetterman. "And the people are very nice. If you ask for help, and they don't have an answer, they'll find somebody who knows."

Zetterman, suffering from jet lag, said his stay at the Homestead Resort has been relaxing, and added that he doesn't miss the night life in Midway since the World Cup allows little time for entertainment. He, and many other athletes, has favored one excursion: shopping at Kimball Junction's outlet stores. While the Salt Lake Organizing Committee provided transportation to and from Charleston's Soldier Hollow and Park City's Utah Olympic Park, athletes complained they had to locate taxis and rental cars to get to the highly acclaimed mall.



PHOTO BY KIRSTEN SHAW

A Swiss racer browses through the Homestead's gift shop before beginning a long run on Midway's back roads.

In the trailer set-up for ski tuning and storage, Zetterman and his teammate Werner Scherubl, from Austria, agree that Soldier Hollow's design and the valley's event organization are Olympic caliber.

"Yes. It is very nice here, and we have enough we need. The wide beds are nice. Everything is bigger in the

U.S.," said Scherubl, laughing at Zetterman's well-meaning joke that even the people are bigger.

The Soldier Hollow set-up, much of it mimicking the Olympic design, provided the Nordic World Cup athletes with competition buildings, drug testing,

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"One of the beauties of the Inmate Placement Program is that it allows

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SIGNPOSTS



Utah Power asks for a \$142 million rate increase that would hike electrical bill for average Utah household by \$100 per year, and blames California power shortage. Barbara Toomer, however, of Utah Disabled Rights Action Committee labels request a "fiasco" and calls for an investigation.



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team trailers, media interview rooms and detailed signage. The athletes stayed at the Homestead Resort and Inn on the Creek. At the Homestead, where teammates gathered for dinners and meetings, athletes had full use of the restaurants, sauna, swimming pool and Internet use on computers. One European athlete, unversed in American etiquette, surprised an onlooker while taking a refreshing dip in the pool—sans clothing.

Numerous locals welcomed volunteers into their homes for the duration of the events.

But according to the Japanese teammates and other athletes transportation problems were abound—and not just to the Gap. They said there were time scheduling errors; one left a nation of athletes stranded, late for training for hours. The athletes were seething. A French athlete said more buses are needed to reduce down time. In 2002, this may compound transportation problems the valley currently has, including narrow roads in disrepair.

However, multiple staffers said officials have incessantly asked the experienced travelers how organization can be improved. Soldier Hollow's Howard Peterson spent hours interviewing athletes, recording minute details to ensure the venue's success.

Quite a few teammates voiced displeasure with the food—not because the chefs were unskilled—but because the menu was too hearty, and not quite what the athletes were used to eating during training. After a cold morning, Zetterman said he was disappointed to be offered soup and cold dishes—no

hot food. Scherubl was shocked to be served huge, American portions. French athlete Baud Fred said the food was too fattening and lacked nutritional value.

"We wish it were healthier, more vegetables and pasta. Food for athletes. Breakfast was o.k. because it was buffet style so we could choose what we like," said Fred, emailing friends abroad about his Utah experience. "It's the first time I've been here. My first impression was that it is big! You can see very far. It's a nice place. It is really the same as European venues. I hope we'll have time to visit and to also see Park City when we aren't jumping."

German servicemen Enrico Heisig and Marco Frank, who spent most of their time in the valley preparing the course and checking track conditions said they like Utah, although it is colder than they are used to. Talking over pasta primavera and a Black Angus burger, they said the venue is better than they've seen

at Steamboat and Lake Placid, a former Olympic site in New York.

Homestead desk clerk Kelly Cook said most of the athletes have told her they've enjoyed their stay, although language barriers have caused some transportation difficulties. She said they ask a lot of questions about the surrounding areas and want to know more about this mysterious state. Cook said some have complained about a lack of snow, while others have raved about the Western grub at Heber's Hub Café.

Gordon Jones, a race volunteer from Steamboat, said the organization

is getting better and the venue is the best of its kind.

"The venue itself is probably the best because it was specifically designed for these events. It's really organized well and it looks like their going in the right direction," said Jones. He doesn't think the valley's size is a hindrance to the 2002 visitors, noting that most will stay in Park City or Salt Lake. "Everything the athletes have needed has been done for them. And they're staying here at the Homestead—you can't beat it."

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PHOTO BY KIRSTEN SHAW
A Japanese coach gives The Gap a thumbs up.



PHOTO BY KIRSTEN SHAW
Germany's Enrico Heisig and Marco Frank take a moment from training to try some American cuisine.



PHOTO BY KIRSTEN SHAW
Japan's support staff is international. Austrian Werner Scherubl (left) is a ski technician and Esa Zetterman is a Finnish masseuse.

EDITORIAL

To Burn or Not to Burn?

Last week, as a haze capped the valley we were besieged by phone calls asking why the county was allowing agricultural burning to occur? To add fuel on the fire (so to speak) we also had the World Cup and the Sundance Film Festival starting in the area. Welcome to Heber Valley, home of haze to rival Salt Lake and Utah Counties! Yeah, fly into Salt Lake's haze, then break into some brief sunshine near Park City, then plunge back into the haze in Wasatch County. Well, it turns out there are no rules or regulations governing agricultural burning during the year. The citizenry can burn at will.

Look, we're not advocating a ban on agricultural burning in the valley. Farmers need to burn their ditches

and fields. Large and even small homeowners need to burn during the "spring cleanup". For a few weeks in

lush with new growth and the valley looks like a Ben & Jerry's commercial. Burning, at the right time and

alike. To paraphrase an old movie line, "we love the smell of fields burning in the morning, it smells like victory". If you move up here, you better get used to it, it been going on for decades and hopefully will continue for many more. It's part of our agricultural heritage, like the smell from livestock.

But with our new place in the national and international spotlight, there are times we should wait a week or two before lighting that match. Imagine the 2002 Olympics, the cameras panning across the valley as ditch fires rage below. Not the image we want to present to the world. Some reasonable bans on burning are in order. During poor air quality days or during publicized events, we need to put our best foot forward, sans smoke and haze. We need to show the world what a beautiful valley we live in. So we invite the county and the various cities to enact legislation giving them the ability to declare no burn days or weeks, if, in the opinion of the legislative body, burning would detract from either the public health, or the visual qualities of the valley. Seems like a reasonable compromise.

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spring, the entire valley smells like smoke, then miraculously, several weeks later the burned areas are

place is a wondrous thing. It's a natural phenomenon that beatifies the valley for farmers and homeowners